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March 3, 2015

Bob Bond  
Elk Hills Power Team Lead  
Elk Hills Power  
P.O. Box 460  
4036 Skyline Road  
Tupman, CA 93276

Dear Mr. Bond,

Thank you for sending the historical information enclosed with your letter of January 21, 2015. We have reviewed the information provided. None of the documents provide evidence of an aquifer exemption having already been granted for disposal into the Tulare Formation at the facility. As you are aware, only EPA can grant such an exemption, and although various statements are made about the subject, there is no documentation that EPA has exempted the aquifer for Class I disposal.

If you would like to have EPA consider an exemption of the Tulare Formation in the Elk Hills field for Class I disposal, please prepare an aquifer exemption request package, with appropriate documentation, and submit it to EPA for review within sixty (60) days of receipt of this letter. I believe you have a copy of the EPA Aquifer Exemption Checklist, which may be useful in formulating your submittal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Dermer at (415) 972-3417.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Albright".

David Albright  
Manager, Drinking Water Protection Section

cc: Dan Wermiel, DOGGR District 4  
Dale Harvey, RWQCB, Central Valley Region